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October 23-25, 1931

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OUR SAINTED DEAD

These All Died in the Faith

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

David Allen Boddie
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Year	Name	Address
1881	Platt, W. M.	Columbia, La.
1897	Brown, G. J. L.	Ball, La.
1898	Hearne, E. O.	Chatham, La.
1901	Bartlett, M. E.	Phoenix, Arizona
1902	Shows, F. Lyman	Grayson, La.
1903	Dunn, W. S.	Glenella, La.
1903	Reid, J. F.	Winnfield, La.
1904	Perdue, Mary E.	Atlanta, Texas
1905	Lewis, J. H.	Winnfield, La.
1907	Holt, J. A.	Atlanta, Texas
1910	Lee, J. W.	Grayson, La.
1910	Downs, J. R.	West Monroe, La.
1911	Dennard, E. A.	Gibbsland, La.
1912	Griffin, B. F.	Athens, La.
1912	Wardlow, Lula	Montgomery, La.
1916	Harris, W. W.	Fauke, Arkansas
1917	Strozier, James R.	Chatham, La.
1921	Yeager, Ira L.	Monroe, La.
1917-24	Williams, J. A. D.	Jefferson, Texas
1917	Strozier, John M.	Jena, La.
1915	Cantley, H. H.	Goldonna, La.
1620	Ragsdale, W. F.	Simmsboro, La.
1624	Walker, Richard M.	Goldonna, La.
1921	McVey, G. A.	Montgomery, La.
1923	Kendrick, Bessie	Jena, La.
1914-25	Stewart, O. W.	Pollock, La.
1910-27	Rockhold, G. W.	Jonesboro, La.
1898-1927	Patton, I. A.	West Monroe, La.
1898-1927	Hearne, J. C.	Grayson, La.
1928	Waller, W. T.	Dodson, La.
1928	Combs, J. H.	Linden, Texas
1629	Lee, Morris	Atlanta, Texas

1930	Deville, A.	Monroe, La.
1931	Hearne, R. H.	Chatham, La.
1931	Hearne, F. L. 207 Coleman Ave.,	West Monroe, La.
1931	Ramsey, Ola	Chatham, La.

SUPERANNUATED

W. M. Platt,	Columbia, La.
J. A. Riley,	Trout, La.

UNDER GRADUATES.

THIRD YEAR

H, E. LaCroix,	Tioga, La.
L. A. Boddie,	Pollock, La.
James A. Jones,	Pineville, La.
Edwin H. Grant,	Pollock, La.

SECOND YEAR

Jack Wiggins,	Jena, La.
C. J. Cotton,	Jena, La.

FIRST YEAR

Paul Durbin,	Tehaucana, Texas
James Breazel,	Bastrop, La.
H. C. Luther,	Montgomery, La.

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PLACE	NAME	ADDRESS
Arcadia,	Mrs. M. E. Crawford,	Arcadia, La.
Monroe,	W. W. McDonald,	Rt. A. South, Monroe, La.
Dry Prong,	H. S. Garlington,	Pollock, La.
Chatham,	George Hatton,	Chatham, La.
Grayson,	T. L. Johnston,	Grayson, La.
Ansley,	L. J. Overstreet,	Ansley, La.
Dodson,	C. A. Waller,	Dodson, La.
Strickland,	W. A. Boddie,	Ball, La.
Bastrop,		
Urania,	Mrs. Pearl Smith,	Urania, La.
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Jonesboro,	P. C. Thomas,	Jonesboro, La.
Luna,		
Pine Grove,	Mrs. Lucy Shipp,	Pine Grove, La.

Winnfield, Mrs. H. R. Wilson,	Winnfield, La.
Heflin, Calhoun Henry,	Heflin, La.
Jena, John Tarver,	Jena, La.
Hicks, Lud Phillips,	Montgomery, La.
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Spring Hill, W. B. Jordon,	Ball, La.
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Mt. Nebo, J. E. Robinson,	Downsville, La.
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E. A. Dennard

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Ira L. Yeager
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T. L. Johnston

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J. R. Downs
Isaac Collier

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J. A. Holt
R. M. Walker
J. M. White

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P. C. Thomas
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Mrs. M. D. Crawford

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District No. 1
Monroe
Campbell Chapel
Mt. Nebo
Bastrop
Luna
Pine Grove
Walnut Grove
Antioch

District No. 3
Strickland
Pollock
Bentley
Hollands Chapel
Urania
Lewis Chapel
Grayson
Kelly
Shiloh

District No. 2
Ansley
Arcadia
Jonesboro
Chatham
Evergreen
Dodson
New Hope

District No. 4
Colfax
Mt. Zion
Winnfield
Couley

Sunday School Superintendents

J. W. McKeithen,	Grayson, La.
Joel Smith,	Dodson, La.
Mrs. I. J. Allen,	Jonesboro, La.
J. G. Moore,	Queen City, Texas
Charles McCartney,	Urania, La.
Henry Crews,	Queen City, Texas
Hardy Carrol,	Chatham, La.
T. J. Dunn,	Kelly, La.
Elijah McKeithen,	Grayson, La.
G. B. Haynes,	Monroe, La.
John Tarver,	Jena, La.
W. A. Bodie,	Pineville, La., Rt. 1
Miss Mollye Stewart,	Pollock, La.
Mrs. Jack Greyeer,	Barron, La.
Miss Martha Jane O'Neal,	Pineville, La.
G. P. Martin,	Chatham, La., Rt. 2

Mrs. Anna Belle Hearne.	Chathrm, La., Rt. 1
Miss Ethel Carrol,	Chatham, La., Rt. 2

DAILY PROGEEDINGS.

The Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled for the Eighty-Fifth session with the New Hope Church near Dodson, Louisiana, October 23rd, 1931,

The President read for the scripture lesson the 3rd chapter of Collossians. After engaging in earnest prayer, declared the Conference open for business.

Secretary called the roll and upon motion the Conference bar was fixed.

The name of W. P. Fowler was transfered to the roll of the honored dead and upon motion the hour fixed for the memorial services.

At this time a telegram was read from Dr. Straughn.

Upon motion Dr. Stephen B. Williams was granted an honorary seat in the Conference.

The secretary read the names of the chairmans of the various committees.

Upon motion the Conference adjourned for the devotional services.

Benediction by Rev. E. O. Hearne.

First Day Afternoon Session.

Conference called to order by the President. Devotionals was led by Rev. J. R. Strozier. Roll call omitted.

The Secretary read report from Rev. W. M. Platt, our aged superannuated minister, and upon motion the report was ordered spread upon the pages of our Conference minutes.

Reports from O. W. Stewart and John M. Strozier were read and adopted.

Report from Mrs. M. E. Bartlett was read and adopted. Upon motion she was granted an Evangelistic appointment.

Report from Rev. J. A. Riley read and adopted. Upon motion he was granted a superannuated relationship.

Chairman of Committee on Credentials submitted their report which was adopted.

The President called Rev. F. Lyman Shows to the chair

and read his report. After discussion the report was amended and adopted.

The official hour for the election of the Officers having arrived the President appointed as Tellers: W. W. McDonald, James R. Strozier, and R. M. Walker.

After the final vote was taken the Tellers reported Rev. J. W. Lee, re-elected President, Mrs. Mary E. Perdue, re-elected Secretary, Rev. Ira L. Yeager, Treasurer, B. F. Griffin, Statistation.

Upon motion the same Board of Church Extension was re-elected.

Upon motion the same Standing District Committee was re-elected.

Upon motion Rev. I. L. Yeager was elected to serve on the Commtitee of Itenerancy and Orders for a period of three years.

Upon motion the same board of Young Peoples Work was re-elected.

The hour of the day having arrived to elect delegates to the General Conference the conference dissolved into an electoral college with W. W. McDonald chairman, T. L. Johnson, secretary, G. J. L. Brown, F. Lyman Shows and B. F .Griffin, judges.

Ira L. Yeager and J. W. Lee were elected ministerial del-egates to the General Conference and F. Lyman Shows and Mrs. M. E. Perdue alternates.

T. L. Johnson and W. W. McDonald were elected lay delegates to the General Congerence and L. J. Overstreet and J. J. McKeithen, alternates. After the election the chairman declared the electoral college dissolved and the conference reassembled for business.

At this time Dr. Straughn arrived and was graciously received by the conference.

The secretary read a paper "The Suggestive Outline of layman Activities". After an instructive talk by Dr. Straughn. Upon motion the paper was adopted and the president was authorized to appoint a committee to sub-district the conference to further the plans outlined in said paper.

Upon motion J. J. McKeithen was elected Lay leader of the

Louisiana Conference. Motion to adjourn. Benediction by B. F. Griffin.

The Sermon for the evening was delivered by Dr. Stephen B. Williams.

Second Day Morning Session

Conference called to order by the president. Roll called and the minutes of the previous day session read and adopted.

Committee on Itenerancy and Orders submitted report which was adopted.

Upon motion the hours fixed and Dr. Straughn addressed the conference concerning the various needs of the church which was very instructive and enjoyed by all.

Motion prevailed to fix place for next Conference. Ansley was unanimously decided upon as the place and upon motion the time was fixed to meet Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1932, at ten o'clock.

Motion to adjourn until 2:00 P. M.

Dr. James H. Straughn delivered an inspirational sermon Saturday morning at the eleven o'clock hour.

Second Day Afternoon Session

Conference called to order by the president. Devotional by Rev. B. F. Griffin. Roll call and the reading of the minutes of the morning session omitted.

At this time Rev. H. H. Brooks a minister of the Baptist Church was introduced and addressed the conference.

Committee on Periodicals submitted report which was adopted.

Committee on Temperance submitted report which was adopted.

Committee on Missions submitted report which was adopted.

Upon motion Mrs. Lucy Shipp was seated as delegate from Pine Grove Church.

J. F. Reid and E. A. Dennard made verbal reports which was adopted.

Committee on Official Character—no report.

Upon motion the time for the Ordination Service was fixed to take place immediately after the 11: 00 service Sunday.

R. M. Walker submitted report which was adopted.

At this time the president announced the names of the sub-district committee.

The time was fixed for the Memorial Service at 10:30 A. M. Sunday.

Committee on By-Laws and Rules of Order submitted report which was adopted.

J. A. Holt submitted report which was adopted.

Committee on Pastor's Report sudmitted report which was adopted.

Upon motion the Statistical secretary was granted additional time to complete his report.

Motion to adjourn.

The Evening sermon was delivered by Rev. F. L. Shows.

Second Day—Night Session

Conference called to order by the president.

Committee on Finance submitted a report which was adopted.

Upon motion each pastor was requested to send to the secretary the correct address of himself, Sunday School superintendent and of the various auxillaries of the church.

Church Extension Board submitted report which was adopted.

Conference Treasury submitted report which was adopted.

Executive Committee of the Conference Council of Religious Education submitted report which was adopted.

The sub-district Committee submitted report which was adopted.

Rev. J. R. Downs gave an interesting report of his work as Rescue Missionary and Financial Agent for the "Home of the Good Samaritian". Upon motion his report was adopted and he was given the same appointment for the ensuing year.

Upon motion the secretary of the Church Extension Board was authorized to pay balance necessary for the publishing of the conference journal.

At this time the president spoke concerning the Louisiana Mutual Benefit Association and upon motion the same officers were re-elected.

Committee on Thanks submitted report which was adopted by a rising vote,

Upon motion each pastor was authorized to collect ten cents per member to defray expences of the delegates to the general conference.

Upon motion the President of the Conference was authorized to appoint the Lay Leaders for the Sub-District.

Upon motion Mrs. M. E. Perdue was elected to preach the opening sermon of the next conference.

Stationing committee read their report which was recieved and adopted.

Motion to adjourn until 10 o'clock Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1932

The Sabbath Day

The services began with the Memorial Service in honor of one of our faithful ministers, W. P. Fowler. The service was conducted by Rev. J. R. Downs, E. O. Hearne and G. J. L. Brown. Many beautiful tributes were spoken to the memory of this Godly man.

The pulpit was ably filled at the 11:00 hour by our president, Rev. J. W. Lee. At the close F. L. Hearne, Mrs. Ola Ramsey and R. H. Hearne were ordained.

Reports

President's Report

GREETINGS: I submit this, my annual report, immediately after the last annual conference, I entered actively into my duties as I saw them. I held all the quarterly conference I could and suggest some things that I thought would help our conference to come nearer to her goal, viz., better organized efforts, such as Woman's Missionary Society, C. E. Socities, New Century Service, Tithing, Better paid pastors, ect. In brief, an effort to acquaint the whole church with the whole program of the church. The result has been very gratifying in many places. We have insisted on the observance of the special days set apart by the General Conference for its own interest both, for the educational and financial benefits derived from the observance of these days. As a result, we have raised nearly twice as much money as last yesr and it might have been twice what it is if all had of responded as some did. I have traveled about 20.000 miles, held 25 quarterly conferences. I made a trip to Washington to attend the Denominational Convention which was a great

occasion. I have written about 300 letters in the interest of the church work; taught one subject in the Young People's Institute at Kelly. Have done quite a bit of visiting in connection with my official work. I have conducted five revival meetings with many professions and additions to the churches. This has been a very difficult year on account of the financial depression, but we have many things to be encouraged over in the work of the church. It has been very delightful to associate with the pastors and share with them their efforts in the on going of the Kingdom and our denominational interest.

We stand at the dawn of a new day in church life. This fact is recognized in all parts of the country. Every congregation has among it's numbers, college graduates, trained talent, efficient ledership, in the questions of domestic life. The great question of today is, what can you do? Men must qualify or be left behind; this applies to leadership in the church as well as elsewhere.

Soon after the last Annual Conference, I appointed Mrs. M. E. Perdue pastor of the Courtland Church, Queen Circuit and Brother Dick Moore to the Knights Bluff, same circuit. In June, I appointed Brother Riley pastor of the Bela Church, Jena Circuit. In July, I received application with recommendations of Brother Grant for reception. I refered his papers to the committee on Itenerancy and Orders and recommended him for several meetings which were held with very gratifying results. At the request of Dr. Straughn to change the date of our Annual Conference from October 16th to 23rd, I submitted his request to the Standing Committee and the date was changed.

We recommend that some effort be made by the Conference to secure, the cooperation of the pastors in putting on the special day services and a better support of the church in general. We recommend that the pastors make every effort to have their young people attend the Training Institute put on by our Educational Board within the bounds of our Conference each summer.

Respectively,
J. W. Lee

Stationing Committee Report

PLACE	CHURCHES	PASTOR
Arcadia	Bethlehem, Black Lake Cross Roads, Springhill	B. F. Griffin Pres. Salary $80.
Monroe	Monroe	Ira L. Yeager Pres. Salary $65.
Bentley	Dry Prong, Bentley, Spring Hill, Ball	H. E. LaCroix Pres. Salary $45.
Strickland	Pollock, Clear Creek, Bethel, Barron Chapel	L. A. Boddie Pres. Salary $60.

Chatham	Concord, Chatham Mt. Pleasant, Zoar	J. R. Strozier Pres. Salary $65.
Grayson	Grayson, Kelly, Shiloh	F. Lyman Shows Pres. Salary $150.
Ansley	Ansley	Ira L. Yeager Pres. Salary $65.
Dodson	Dodson, Antioch	E. O. Hearne Pres. Salary $45.
Bastrop	Bastrop, Sunrise	James Breazeal Pres. Salary $40.
Urania	Urania	Mary E. Perdue Prer. Salary $40.
Campbell	Campbell Chapel, Luna, New Hope, Center Point	I. A. Patton Pres. Salary $85.
Winnfield	Winnfield, Lewis Chapel, Hollens Chapel, Heflin	James A. Jones Pres. Salary $40.
Jonesboro	Jonesboro, Bear Creek	Mary E. Perdue Pres. Salary $35.
Pine Grove	Pine Grove Walnut Grove	R. H. Hearne Pres. Salary $20.
Jena	Jena, Belah	J. C. Hearne Pres. Salary $35.
Hicks	Mt. Zion, Colfax, Couley	Mrs. Lula Wardlow Pres. Salary $40.
Mt.Nebo	Mt.Nebo, Bethel	G. A. McVey Pres. Salary $40.
Roberts Miss'n	Concord	W. W. Harris Pres. Salary $10.
Queen City	Courtland Knights Bluff	Unsupplied Pres. Salary $40.
Evergreen	Evergreen Antioch	R. M. Walker Pres. Salary $25.

EVANGELISTS

M. E. Bartlett, O. W. Stewart, Morris Lee, G. J. L. Brown, Bessie Kendricks, Ola Ramsey, Edwin H. Grant.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARIES

W. T. Waller, J. F. Reid, G. W. Rockhold, H. H. Cantley, E. A. Dennard, J. A. Holt, J. H. Lewis.

J. R. Downs, Supt. Home of Good Samaritan

Without Appointment

J. A. D. Williams, J. H. Combs, J. M. Strozier, A. Deville. F. L. Hearne, W. F. Ragsdale, H. C. Luther, Jack Wiggens, C. J. Cotton.

Each Evangelist and Missionary were assessed $5.00, this assessment to be applied on the President's Salary.

An Outline Suggestion For Laymen's Activity

1. The desirability of discovering some agency or activity whereby the men of the church may be brought into more vital relation and contact with the specific interests of the local churches and of the Denomination.

2. Set up a procedure as follows, a rather loose knit method and yet effective because of its simplicity, centering responsibility in individuals rather than in groups.

Organization:--

a. Name -- Men's Work in the churches.

b. Officers -- A Denominational chairman or president, a secretary, a treasurer -- all of whom living near each other. These officers to be named at the Friday meeting. Afterward the officers to be named at the General Conference with vacancies ad interim filled by the Executive Committee.

c. Annual Conference cooperation, Delegates to Annual Conferences to constitute the lay group through which the national officers function. At each Annual Conference the laymen to hold a meeting, electing president, secretary, treasurer, who may or may not be delegates at any particular session. Annual Conferences could well afford to devote time to the laymen and make more use of their presence. The national officers articulate (how good a word!) through Conference lay officers.

d. The Annual Conference lay officers function through the delegates to the local churches; they are the home connecton.

e. A formula of local activity in the churches will require careful thinking. Various forms would be necessary, from a

very loose informal assembling on required occasions of the men of the church to a compact organization like a Brotherhood, Men's Organized Bible Classes, Religious Educational Groups, etc.

If the general organization did nothing more than find a method to get down to the churches it could be made most helpful; all the more so if the local church would organize its men.

3. Some general problems: --

Both the general and annual conference officers must be financed. It might be much or little, according to activity.

Church Extension Report

On hand at beginning	$494.50
Disbursements	
Loan to Dodson	$100.00
Bastrop Church	176.00
Secretary	10.00
Committee meetings	10.00
	$196.00
Expense	
Paid on Conference Journal	$11.00
In hands of Treasurer	40.00
Balance on hand	51.00

J. W. Lee

Supplimentary Report

On July 10th or there about, we recieved the above report with check for $187.59 from Rev. J. W. Lee. In response to request made in behalf of the Colfax Church. Members of the Board approved and made loan of $60.00, check drawn in favor of Rev. Luia Wardlow of Montgomery, Louisiana, the receipt of which was acknowledged by note made payable to Church Extension Board and properly indorsed.

Balance in Treasury, $127.59.

Respectively submitted,
Ira L. Yeager

Report of Finance Committee

We your committee submit the following report:

Presidents Salary	$1,200.00
Annual Conference	1,200.00

Distributed as follows:

Church Extension	20 per cent
Conference Journals	22½ per cent
Conference Secretary	22½ per cent
Conference Treasurer	5 per cent
General Conference Delegate	30 per cent
New Century Service	$2,000.00

Apportionment to be used from the last minutes. Two or three changes made by the committee.

Annual conference apportioned to each charge to be equal or same as the presidents salary.

Each Evangelist and Missionary to be assessed $5.00, this assessment to be applied on president's salary.

We recommend that the Secretary notify each pastor, missionary and evangelist the total amount of their assessment.

W. W. McDonald
L. J. Overstreet
T. L. Johnson

Treasurer's Report

Received and disbursed as follows:

General Conference	$183 73	
Paid out for Councilor	10.00	
Received for Annual Conference	203.83	
Total received		$397 56
Disbursed for Annual Conference as follows:		
Conference Journal	$45.86	
Conference Secretary	45 86	
Church Extension	61.15	
Contingent Fund	20 38	
Superannuate Fund	20.38	
Conference Treasurer	10.38	

F. Lyman Shows.

Committee on Education.

We your Committee on Education submit this our report:

We are living in an age that demands a standard in every vocation of life.

No community or people, no organized body political or religious will ever rise higher than the institution in its midst. As a Methodist Protestant people we will not make more progress than the several units which compose or make the whole body.

Each minister and preacher is a unit of this great body, therefore, they should render efficient service in order to promote the cause for which they stand.

Never before has the world demanded higher standards and clearer thinking on the part of our ministry. With the high schools and colleges abroad in our land the opportunity lieth at our door for an educated ministry. Therefore, we recommend: That every man or woman coming into this conference and undertaking the great task of preaching the gospel do all in his power to attend one of our colleges and thus qualify themselves for more efficient service in the Master's Kingdom.

We further recommend that the ministers and preachers of this conference preach an occasional sermon on Christian Education, and insist upon their congregation taking advantage of the wonderful opportunity afforded them, that we place ourselves on record as being ardent supporters of our denominational institutions and that each minister put forth a greater effort to place the church paper in the homes of the people.

I. L. Yeager, F. Lyman Shows, T. L. Johnston.

Itenerancy and Orders

We recommend: First, that H. C. Luther, coming properly recommended, be admitted into the conference and that he be placed in the first year's course of studies.

Second, that C.J.Cotton and Jack Wiggins be placed in the Second Year's Course of studies; and Edwin H.Grant coming to us from the M. E. Church be received and placed in the Third Year's Course of Study.

Third, we recommend that L.A. Boddie be retained in Third Year's Course of Study, that James A. Jones and H.E. LaCroix failing to meet the committee on examination be retained in the Third Year's Course of Study.

Fourth, that James Breazeal failing to meet committee be retained in the First Year's Course of Study.

Fifth, that R.H. Hearne, F.L. Hearne and Mrs. Ola Ramsey having passed the Third Year Course of Study, be elected to Elders Orders.

We further recommend that all the under-graduates serving an appointment be granted "License to Administer the Ordinances".

Respectfully Submitted

F. Lyman Shows, Lula Wardlow, Ira L. Yeager.

Periodicals.

In as much as the trend of the age is downward and there is continuely pouring thro ugh the printing presses books, papers and magazines that are poisonous to the moral character of the people, and;

Whereas, the homes are being supplied with such literature, we deem it necessary to urge every pastor to see that the people of his charge be supplied with good, clean, wholesome literature, that will help develope their spiritual lives and give them higher ideals.

We also recomend that every pastor and family of the Methodist Protestant Church subscribe for the Methodist Protestant Recorder and that we use our own Sunday School literature.

James R. Strozier, M. G. Lee, W. B. Jordan.

Temperance and Prohibition.

We your Committee submit the following report:

Realizing that the 18th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States has been brought about as a result of the united effort on the part of the Christian Church of our land through prayer and fasting of each Denomination, therefore, be it resolved:

That this the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protastant Church now in session at New Hope Church go on record as standing for the enforcement of the Prohibition Law. We futher recommend that our ministers and preachers preach often on the subject of the Enforcement of the Law.

Be it further resolved that the pastors and ministers preach against the use of tobacco in all of its forms.

Be it resolved that this Conference go on record as opposing any change in the 18th Amendment and also refuse to support any candidate who is in favor of making a change in this Amendment.

J. A. Holt, J. M. White, C. A. Waller.

Council of Religious Education

A Leadership Training School was conducted at Kelly, Louisiana, August 3rd to 9th, 1931, with fifty-seven registered attendents; thirty-eight signing the pledge for some definite work for the Lord. Two hundred and fifty Councillors, advertising the Leadership Training Schools of our denomination, were distributed over the Conference. Evening services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Shell, Pittsburg, Penn., Rev. Lawrence C. Little, Westminster, Md., Rev. Edwin H. Grant, graduate of Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, and others.

We were royally entertained by the people of Kelly and were granted the use of the high school building by the superintendent of education.

Your executive committee solicits the cooperation and support of the entire Conference.

Rev. F. Lyman Shows, Rev. James R. Strozier, Mr. Hardy Carroll, Miss Elah Shows, Mrs. Hardy Carroll, Rev. Ira L. Yeager.

Father Platts' Letter

Columbia, La., Oct. 14, 1931

To the 85th Annual Session of the Louisiana Conference, Dear Brothers and Sisters:

God bless you all! I would have been glad to be with you in this session of the Conference, but my physical condition is such that it will be impossible for me to be with you in person, however, you may be assured that my prayers are with you.

To my surprise, I am still alive, having reached the age of ninety-one on the fifth of last March, and I am hoping, trusting and praying that the coming conference will be the best we have ever had.

I will say to all of you that truly I am now a blood-washed traveler in tattered garments clad. While traveling up the mountain I'm feeling very sad. My cheeks are all furrowed, my hair is quite gray; but I'm shouting as I journey, all along the way. I want to live a christian here; I want to die while shouting; I want to feel my Saviour near, when soul and body's parted. I want to see bright angles stand, and waiting to receive me—to bear my soul to Canaan's land, where Christ has gone before me.

I am glad that the Bible tells me that we shall know even as we are known. It is not only fathers, mothers, wives, children, and other loved ones that we will know. I feel that I shall meet many there who have been saved under my ministry. Could anything be sweeter than to see them, and rejoice with them?

The organization of a conference is like the foundations of a great building. When the foundations of this Conference was laid, there were only six pillars. All now have disappeared but one, and that one will also vanish before many days. But if you should reach that better world before I do, please tell Uncle Oliver Hearn, Brother Hickerson, Brother Strickland, Brother Patton, and Brother Stewart that I have already packed up, procured my ticket, and am sitting here waiting for that old Ship of Zion to take me aboard.

May God inspire you now at the Conference, and be with you forever.

REVEREND W. M. PLATT.

Missions

We, the Committee on Missions submit this report:

First, that our Conference support the missionary program as set forth by the General Board of Missions realizing that the success of this movement depends on the cooperation of the conferences with this Board.

Second, that every pastor urge his entire membership with himself to adopt the systematic plan of giving as taught by the word of God.

Third, we urge our pastors to cooperate with the Womans Mission-ary Branch in organizing Auxiliaries at all appointments on their charge where such organizations have not been perfected.

John Tarver, P. C. Thomas, Lula Wardlow.

Thanks

We, your committee on Thanks, wish to thank the pastor and people of New Hope Church, and others of the community for the way they have so wonderfully taken care of the conference.

Truly our hearts are filled with gratitude, and we pray that God may abundantly and pour out His spirit upon you.

Bessie Kendrick, Lula Wardlow, Pearl Smith.

Superannuated

We, your committee on Superannuated Funds, submit this report:

On hand $20.38

We recommend that this amount be divided equally between the two superannuates, Rev. W. M. Platt and Rev. J. A. Riley.

W. W. McDonald, G. J. L. Brown, Lula Wardlow.

BY-LAWS

Section 1. No delegates shall be entitled to a seat in the Annual Conference without proper credentials or other satisfactory evidence of his election; and in case of alternate, the certificate shall so express it.

Section 2. Delegates to the Annual Conference shall be elected from the members in good standing and in full membership, over the age of fifteen years. In circuits, stations and missions, it shall be the duty of the Steward to designate the time and place and give notice of election. The election shall be held under the direction of the Stewards; and they shall act as judges of the election and cause the same to be returned to the Fourth Quarterly Conference, there to be compiled and consolidated. The person or persons receiving a plurality vote shall be declared duly elected delegate or delegates and next highest shall be declared alternate or alternates, and receive certificates accordingly; provided that in the case of a tie, members of Quarterly Conference, by a majority vote shall decide; and provided further, that in case the delegate and alternate elected from any work are providentially hindered from attending the Annual Conference to which they were elected then the pastor in charge shall have the right to appoint a suitable person to represent the work in the Conference. That no one, especially the men shall be allowed to vote for delegate who does not contribute regularly for the support of the pastor and the claims of the General and Annual Conference.

Section 3. No person shall be elected to orders, except they be persons of exceptional moral character, genuine piety, respectable attainment and sound in the belief of the fundamental doctrine of Christianity and faithful in the discharge of gospel duties.

Secton 4. No minister in good health shall be left without ministerial work for more than two years at the end of which time he shall resume his itinerate labors, or be transferred to the unstationed list, and if so transferred shall receive a certificate of his standing. This rule shall apply to any minister so transferred provided he, at his own request, may locate by vote of the conference.

Section 5. No minister or preacher appointed to a circuit, station or mission, shall cease from labors assigned him by the stationing authority until his term of service shall have expired, except by consent of the President, for reason by him deemed expedient.

Section 6. The Secretary shall furnish each pastor with a condensed blank Pastors report at least ten days prior to the opening of each session of the Annual Conference that each pastor during the morning of the second day of Conference hand their reports to the Committee on Pastors Reports and that as soon as passed upon by committees and Conference, said report shall be delivered to Conference Steward for his action, then to the Statistical Secretary for final disposition. Should any pastor fail to comply with this rule for the first offense he shall be reprimanded by the President and for the second offense shall be located by a majority vote of the Conference. That the Evangelists and Conference Missionaries read their report to the Conference. We recommend that when the President visits a pastoral charge, that he first converse freely with the pastor as to the spiritual and financial condition of the charge and that he insist on a strict obedience to the vows made when uniting with the church.

Section 7. The Board of Stewards of each Charge shall soon after the adjournment of the Annual Conference meet and in connection with the pastor proportion the assessment made by the Fourth Quarterly Conference for the support of the pastor. The proportion to be made to each class according to ability and willingness to pay and that the Stewards see that the same is paid promptly and in connection with Section 7, we recommend that each Stewards keep a non-effective roll, noting those that are able and do not contribute to the support of the pastor, the president and to the general interest of the Church and that the Stewards notify the pastor of the number of members that do not help support the Church.

Section 8. On all subjects involving the financial interest of the Church no one shall be entitled to vote except those

who are eighteen years of age and are contributing members in full membership.

Section 9. Any member twenty-one years of age and in good standing and in full membership for one year is eligible to any office in the Church and as a delegate to the Annual Conference; provided that where a church, circuit, station, or mission has no member of said age, they may place in office in the church or elect as delegate to the Annual Conference such as are not twenty-one years of age and such as have not been members one year.

Section 10. Due notice shall be given previous to any action to be taken that involves the financial interest of the church.

Section 11. The term of office of Conference Steward shall be one year.

Section 12. The Conference Steward shall be required to receive and hold all moneys collected for various benevolent purposes from the different charges, also Conference collections.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the Conference steward to settle all incidental expenses of the Conference out of the Conference collections during the session and present the remainder to the Conference for disbursement.

Section 14. He shall pay over to the different boards or persons authorized to receive same all money received for the various benevolent purposes taking receipt and at which any other business in his hands shall make proper exhibit to the Conference during the session at which he was appointed, also at the expiration of his term of office.

Section 15. At the first quarterly Conference of each Conference year the pastor shall call attention to the amount of the assessment made by the Fourth Quarterly Conference for his support during the year. Immediately after each Quarterly Conference the pastor shall call attention of each class to the amount of his salary that is unpaid and in case the pastor neglects to do this, the Steward will not be held responsible if the full amount is not paid. In connection with Section 15, we recommend that at the Fourth Quarterly Conference of each year that a circuit steward be elected whose

duty it shall be to collect the general and conference claims and forward same as soon as collected to the Conference Steward and that the Conference Steward credit same to the charge from which it came, and notify the pastor ot the amount received anb how appropriated. And that the pastor keep a record of same for his final report.

Section 16. There shall be appointed at each session of the Annual Conference a minister or preacher to preach an opening sermon at the sitting of the next annual session.

Section 17. The proceedings of the Annual Conference shall be recorded by the Secretary and properly arrange d for printing in the annual minutes for which he shall receive reasonable compensation and the minutes shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

Section 18. The Secretary shall take charge of all books and journals, records and proceedings of the Conference and transmit the same to the Conference at its next session.

Section 19. The President shall be the stationing authority of the Conference, calling to his aid as council one layman from each work represented.

Section 20. In stationing the ministers and preachers, there shall not be given to any one appointment who in the opinion of a majority of the members is incompentent for the duties thereof, or who they believe will neglect the appointments and such ministers and preachers may be transferred by conference to the unstationed list; provided that no minister or preacher who in the judgment of the conference is intitled to a superannuated relationship shall be transferred.

Section 21. It will be the duty of the President to see that deeds be taken to all the church property belonging to the Methodist Protestant Church in the Louisiana District and have same recorded.

Section 22. That the President, Secretary, Conference Steward and Standing District Committee shall be elected at 3:00 o'clock p.m. on the first day of each annual session of the Louisiana Annual Conferenoe of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Section 23. These by-laws can only be changed ,altered or amended by giving one day's notice in open Conference of such change, alteration or amendment and it will require a

two-thirds vote of the members belonging to that session of the conference.

RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The Conference shall be opened promptly on the day and time appointed, the President conducting the devotional services. The roll shall then be called, after which the President shall read the annual report.

Section 2. During the morning of the second day of Conference all ministers and preachers under appointment of this Conference shall hand their reports to the Cammittee on Pastors' Report.

Section 3. On assigning the floor to any member of the Conference he shall distinctly announce the member to whom it is assigned.

Section 4. All motions and resolutions shall be written if the President and Secretary request.

Section 5. When a motion is seconded or a resolution introduced and seconded or a report presented and is read by the Secretary or is stated by the President it shall be deemed in the possession of the Conferene any time before the amendment or decision.

Section 6. All motions to postpone or lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

Section 7. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of which may be done by adopting or rejecting, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which are placed namely; First, indefinate postponement; second, laying on the table; third, referred to a committee; sixth, amendment, a substitute may be amended.

Section 8. When any member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Conference he shall arise and respectfully address the President but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

Section 9. No member shall be interrupteb while speaking except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the

President to the subjects when he deems a speaker out of order and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

Section 10. When a member wishes to speak on a question of privilege, he shall briefly state the question; but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the President shall decide it a privileged question.

Section 11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question nor more than five minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak have spoken; provided, however, that the mover of a resolution or a committee making a report shall in all cases be entitled to five minutes to close the debate.

Section 12. When a motion or resolution shall have been voted upon by the Conference it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration but a motion to reconsider is a non-debatable motion, and must be decided without debate.

Section 13. No person shall absent himself from the Conference without leave unless he is sick or unable to attend.

Section I4. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar when such question is put by the President except by leave of the Conference when he shall be necessarily absent.

Section 15. Every member who is in the bar at the time the the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Conference for special reason excuse him.

Section 16. It shall be in order for any member to call for the ayes and nays on any question before the Conference and if the call be sustained by one-third of the members present, the vote shall be taken by the ayes and nays.

Section 17. It shall be in order to move the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending before the Conference except in cases where character is involved.

Section 18. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.

Section 19. The President shall appoint the chairmen of committees on subjects of general interest and notify each chairman of his appointment at least ten days before each session of the Conference.

Section 20. The committee on examination shall be appointed one year in advance and meet at next Annual Conference one day prior to convening of that body and that the under-graduates meet said committee for the purpose of being examined in their studies.

Section 21. No minister or preacher who are members of this Conference shall intrude themselves on any Station; Circuit or Mission without first receiving an invitation or permission from the pastor in charge.

TABLE No. 1, 2 Membership & Property

CHARGE	PASTOR	No. of Appointments	Members reported last year	No. of Additions	No. Removed	Present Membership	No. of Professions	No. of Baptisms	No. of Sunday Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of C. E. Societies	No. of Members	No. of Missionary Societies	No. of Msmbers	No. of Ladies Aides	No. of Membesrs	Subs. to Church Papers	No. Church Buildings	Value of Church Buildings	Debt on Churches	Insurance on Churches	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Debt on Parsonages	Insurance on Parsonages
Ansley	I. L. Yeager	1	156	15	2	169	40	6	1	11	90	1	30	1				2	2	2000.00		1000.				
Arcadia	B. F. Griffin	4	157	24	2	179	15	4	1	5	35			1	12	2	22		4	4500.00			1	1500.		1000.
Antioch	E. O. Hearne	1	30		4	28																				
Bastrop	James Breazeal	2	79	118		197	115	125	2	19	128								2	2500.00	200.	1200.				
Campbell Chapel	I. A. Patton	2	104	2		106	7	2	2	10	80	1	80						2	3000.00						
Colfax	Lula Wardlow	1	12	6	2	16	10												1	1200.00	60.					
Concord	M. G. Lee	1	62	2		64	8		1	4	52	1	40													
Dodson	E. O. Hearne	1	65			65			1	65								1	1	1250.00						
Dry Prong	H. E. Lacroix	2	65	2	2	65	7												1	1500 00						
Grayson	F. Lyman Shows	3	261	27	5	283	27	11	3	20	323	2	98	1	40			13	3	5000.00		3000.	2	3000.	700.	1500.
Hicks	G. A. McVey	4	241	11	3	249		5	2	15	156	2	130	1	16				4	5000.00			1	150.		
Heflin	G. J. L. Brown	1	30	5		35	5	5											1	600.00			1	1000.		
Jonesboro	M. E. Perdue	1	99	6		105		6	1	4	40			1	12				1	1000.00						
Jena	J. C. Hearne	2	116	2		118	35	2	2	13	60	1	14					1	2	2000 00			1	1000.		
Luna	F. L. Hearne	1	38		3	35			1	5	30							2	1	500.00						
Monroe	I. L. Yeager	3	37	30	2	65	10	11	1	6	60	1	40	1	8			2	1	7500.00	500.	1000.00	1	3500.		1000.
Strickland	W. F. Ragsdale	4	432	20	6	444	40	9	4	30	100	1	40					1	4	3000.00			1	500.		
Springhill	J. A. Jones	1	59			53													1	500.00						
Urania	M. E. Perdue	1	73	5		78		5	1	6	50							3	1	3000.00		2500 00				
Pinegrove	R. H. Hearn	2	60		1	59													2	2000 00						
Queen City	M. E. Perdue	2	137	8		140		3	2	7	60								2	1000.00						
Chatham	J. R. Strozier	4	306	38	7	337	56	27	4	26	229	4	156					8	4	3500.00		1000.00	1	1500.		
New Hope	I. A. Patton	2	126	3		129						1	30					2	2	4000.00						
Winnfield,	H. H. Cantley	5	160	3	2	63	16	2	2	5	60								1	3000.00			1	250.		
	Total	51	2786	321	39	3083	391	204	31	251	1547	15	658	6	88	2	22	25	42	49050.00	765.	9700.00	10	12300.	700.	3500.

TABLE No 3 FINANCE

CHARGE	PASTOR	Promised Pastor	Parsonage Rent	Paid Pastor in Cash	Raised for Church Improv'mt	Raised on Church Debt	Raised for Church Expenses	Raised by Sunday School	Raised by Christian Endeavor	Raised by Ladies Aid	Raised for President	Raised for Ch. Extension	Raised for Annual Conference Interest	Raised for Home Mission Easter Offering	Womans Missionary Society	Raised for other General Conference Interest	Total Amount Raised
Ansley	I. L. Yeager	$540.	$125.	$580.00			112.00				$111.		$48.26		$ 12.		$865.26
Arcadia	B. F. Griffin	550.	125.	543.00			125.	20.		128.21	50.50		20.				896.71
Antioch	E. O. Hearne	120.		121.00							10.						131.
Bastrop	James Breazeal	250.		200.80				115.			27.						342.86
Campbell Chapel	I. A. Patton			135.00							17.25						152.25
Colfax	Lula Wardlow	150.		144.47	103.95		81.80				25.		25.				380.66
Concord	M. G. Lee	75.		69.00			14.				5.						88.
Dodson	E. O. Hearne			165.50				19.08			20.30		2.12	5.41			312.41
Dry Prong	H. E. Lacroix	225.		123.60			26.50				32.						192.50
Grayson	F. Lyman Shows	1200.	150.	1293.90	108 16	100.	377.47	327.	60.		271.88	9.90	23.10	45.27	332.52	40.25	3093,45
Hicks	G. A. McVey	700.		522.00	20.			45.95	25.	77.67	34.50		28.				753.12
Heflin	G. J. L. Brown			55.00							4.						59.
Jonesboro	M. E. Perdue	300.		300.00			80.	24.			28.		11.				443.
Jena	J. C. Hearne	430	60.	310.00	35.		33.	37.		33.06	32		5.		2.		487.80
Luna	F. L. Hearne	50.		37.50				11.05			12.75						61.30
Monroe	I. L. Yeager	900.		808.18		155.		242.			76.		36.	19.20	28.41	47.61	1401.40
Strickland	W. F. Ragsdale	500.	72.	468.00	15.		116.	65.	15.		25.50		7.			1 25	714.81
Springhill	J. A. Jones	150.		85.00			26.				7.						119.
Urania	M. E. Perdue	350.		125.00			31.	30.			15.90						201.90
Pinegrove	R. H. Hearn			384.00			86.	24.			23.50		14.				531.50
Queen City	M. E. Perdue	100.		77.87			21.				9.30						108.27
Chatham	J. R. Strozier	625.	150.	500.00			122.	83.	11.14		67.			12.87	4.		940.13
New Hope	I. A. Patton			103.00	108.						5.40						206 40
Winnfield,	H. H. Cantley			131.65	40.						2.						173.65
	Total	7115.	550.	7174.17	780.11	255.	1257.62	1063.39	111.14	238.88	916.20	9.90	219.48	82.75	378.93	98.11	12666.79